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REMARKS

A. Disposition of Claims

Claim 26 is pending in this application. Claims 7 and 20-25 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. Claim 26 has been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim and thus has been amended to place it in independent form. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

B. Compliance with 35 USC 112/1

The issue is whether Claims 7 and 20-25 are in compliance with the 35 USC 112/1 enablement and written description requirement. The statute requires that the specification contain a *written description* of the invention sufficient *to enable* a person skilled in the relevant art to make and use the same. Claims 7 and 20-25 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability. Claim 26 has not been rejected. The conclusion is Claim 26 is in compliance with the 35 USC 112/1 enablement and written description requirement.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claim 26 is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. Allowance of Claim 26 at an early date is solicited. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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